

Marist Minute

I was listening to the radio. A man was talking about taking his 3 kids shopping to cook up a Royal dinner in keeping with the coronation. As a fun activity he sent them off in the supermarket to find food with a 'Royal' connection. One child came back with Royal gala apples, another found Earl grey tea and the youngest came back with a bag of jelly snakes! On questioning the 'Royal' connection, the child pointed to the label - distributed in Victoria! Even though it certainly made me chuckle, I was left reflecting on the 'Kingdom' in my life. I enjoy walking at the lake, sunsets, family, sharing meals with friends, mindfulness activities. I feel blessed and at peace.

Pope Francis says though that the Kingdom of heaven is the opposite of the superfluous things that the world offers, the opposite of a dull life: it is a treasure that renews life every day and leads it to extend toward wider horizons. Indeed, those who have found this treasure have a creative and inquisitive heart, which does not repeat but rather invents, tracing and setting out on new paths which lead us to love - to love God, to love others, and to truly love ourselves. The sign of those who walk this path of the kingdom is creativity, always trying to do more. And creativity always looks for many other ways to give life. The Kingdom within is founded on God's love and rooted in our hearts... giving peace, freedom and fullness of life.

May we continue to search every day for the treasure of this Kingdom, so that the love God has given us through Jesus may be reflected in our relationships, in our words and in our inquisitiveness and in our creativity.



Journal Questions:

What does your heart treasure?

How is God's creativity expressed in you?

